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Miss Maggie Welch.

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ONE-HALF ON FARMS

Secretary Wilson Tells of Relation of Population to Agriculture.

Constant Increase of Attendance at Agricultural Schools and Growing Demand for Scientific Teachers—Value of Weather Forecasts.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The secretary of agriculture, James Wilson, of Iowa, transmitted his annual report to congress Wednesday. The secretary opens his report with a reference to the educational work of the department, which he says has grown in effectiveness since his last annual report. He finds that the demands of many public institutions for men to conduct research in scientific fields and for ability to manage agricultural enterprises encourage young men to take advantage of the opportunities thus afforded. The teaching of the science of agriculture and of the sciences relating to it are receiving more attention in the colleges instituted for the purpose, many of which have neglected their full duty in the past.

Statistics of attendance at the land-grant colleges show over 42,000 students enrolled—an increase over the previous year of seven per cent. The attendance for the four-year course in agriculture increased more than 38 per cent. The secretary points to the marked success of agricultural high schools in Minnesota and Nebraska as an indication that there is a demand for agricultural courses with those afforded in various manual arts in the city high schools. He states that all over the country farmers are sending their children to public high schools and paying for their tuition.

The past year affords gratifying evidence of the value of forecast warnings of the weather bureau in saving life and property. Ample testimony is afforded that the value of property thus saved from loss amounts to many times the cost of maintaining the bureau. The secretary urges the desirability of extending the distribution of daily forecasts extensively with the rural free delivery. Of the 10,000 rural free-delivery routes existing August 1, 1902, it has been found possible to serve only 1,000. To make the distribution coextensive with the rural free delivery would, he estimates, cost about \$100,000.

The secretary concludes his report with some interesting figures illustrative of the magnitude of the agricultural industry. In 1900 the fixed capital of agriculture was about \$20,000,000,000, or four times that invested in manufacture. In that year there were nearly 5,000,740 farms in the country, covering 841,000,000 acres, 415,000,000 of which consisted of improved land. According to the returns of the last census, about 40,000,000 people, or more than half of the total population in 1900, resided on farms. Of the 29,000,000 persons reported as engaged in gainful occupations, 10,000,000—more than a third—were employed in agricultural pursuits. The produce of American agriculture in 1899, including farm animals and other products, aggregated nearly \$5,000,000,000. The most valuable crop was Indian corn, \$228,000,000; then hay and forage, \$484,000,000; then cotton, \$324,000,000; wheat returned \$370,000,000, and oats \$217,000,000. The animals sold and slaughtered during the year were valued at over \$900,000,000, the products of the dairy gave \$472,000,000, while poultry and eggs returned over \$281,000,000.

THROWN INTO THE BAY.

Several Workmen Probably Drowned by the Explosion of a Steamer's Boiler at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—A disastrous explosion occurred on the steamer Progress yesterday, in which Harry Corona and Rodney Gibson, employees of the Fulton iron works, were seriously injured. The Progress was laid up and being converted into an oil burner when one of her tanks exploded. A second explosion followed. The steamer was burned to the water's edge and will be a total loss. Three hundred men were working on board at the time of the explosion. Some of them were thrown into the bay. There is great fear that several were killed, as a dozen men are reported missing.

WANTS TWO CHANGES.

Secretary Shaw Advocates Redemption in Gold of Silver Dollars and an Asset Currency.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The secretary of the treasury, Leslie M. Shaw, in his annual report recommends two important changes in the banking and currency laws. He asks for a law specifically authorizing the redemption in gold of silver dollars, on demand, and advocates a law authorizing national banks to issue currency on the basis of their general assets, without any specific security, but subject to a tax or insurance fee sufficient to guarantee the prompt redemption by the government of all notes of banks that fail.

Will Insure a Pension System.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 4.—Vice President and General Manager Moneratt, of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railroad, announces that his system will, at an early date, inaugurate a pension system similar to that of the Pennsylvania and Southern Pacific.

Cole Younger to Be Pardoned.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 4.—Cole Younger, the last of the outlaw brothers, will be given a full pardon when the state board of pardons meets in January.

Peter Maher Knocked Out by Kid Carter.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—Kid Carter, of Brooklyn, last night knocked out Peter Maher, of this city, in the second round of what was scheduled to be a six-round bout at the Penn Art Athletic club. The finishing blow was delivered two seconds before the round should have ended.

To Pay Strike Committee's.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The house without division passed the bill appropriating \$50,000 to pay for the expenses of the anthracite coal strike commission.

SHAW'S ESTIMATES.

The Total Appropriations Asked for by the Secretary of the Treasury Are \$589,189,112.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The secretary of the treasury has transmitted to the congress the estimates of the appropriations required for the government service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904. The total appropriations asked for are \$589,189,112, which is \$21,635,376 less than the estimates for 1903 and \$33,050,014 less than the appropriations for that year. Following is a recapitulation of the estimates by departments, items omitted: Legislative, \$11,508,483; executive, \$319,500; state department, \$2,670,825; treasury department, \$173,313,592; war department, \$130,956,605; navy department, \$84,725,798; interior department, \$163,018,616; post office department, \$10,363,486; department of agriculture, \$5,660,150; department of labor, \$184,220; department of justice, \$7,431,900. Grand totals, \$589,189,112.

Following are the principal items under the several departments which show increases or decreases as compared with the appropriations for the year 1903: Legislative: Salaries and expenses, increase, \$399,915; public printing, increase, \$715,000. Executive: Salaries and expenses, increase, \$13,000. Salaries and expenses civil service commission, increase, \$75,000. State department: Foreign intercourse, \$211,000. Treasury department: Public works, increase, \$7,000,000; miscellaneous, increase, \$3,000,000. District of Columbia, increase, \$2,700,000. Permanent annual appropriations, decrease, \$3,600,000. War department: Military establishment, decrease, \$14,000,000. Public works, decrease, \$4,683,000. Navy department: Naval establishment, increase, \$6,000,000.

KNOX'S REPORT.

He Recommends an Increase in the Salaries of Judicial Officers—Cases in the Federal Courts.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Attorney General Knox, in his annual report submitted to congress yesterday, renews his recommendation for an increase of the salaries of judicial officers throughout the country. The report shows that the number of cases remaining undispensed of in the United States supreme court at the close of the October, 1902, term was 344 on the appellate and 11 on the original docket. The statement of criminal prosecutions in the United States court shows that 16,350 prosecutions terminated during the last year. Of the 9,002 criminal prosecutions pending July 1, 1902, 825 were for violation of customs laws, 3,504 for violation of internal revenue laws, 3,504 for violation of post office laws, 10 under the election laws, 100 under the naturalization laws, 185 under pension laws, 74 for embezzlement and 3,336 miscellaneous prosecutions. On July 1, 1902, there were 3,150 United States convicts in the various prisons and reformatories of the country.

CUBAN CHILDREN ADMITTED.

Immigration Bureau Commissioner Reports Favorably Regarding the Point Loma School.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Commissioner General Sargent, of the immigration bureau, has returned from California, where he made an investigation into the character of the Universal Brotherhood school at Point Loma, in connection with the question of whether the eleven Cuban children now held at New York, and destined for that school should be admitted. While Mr. Sargent has not made his final report, it is learned on good authority that he finds the school provided with ample means to take care of the children, and that he will report in favor of their admission. The department undoubtedly will follow his recommendation in this matter, and the children will be admitted within a day or two.

Blind Chaplain Resigns.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Rev. W. H. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the senate, who is now in California, has forwarded his resignation to Mr. Frye, the president pro tem. His successor will be elected by the senate. Mr. Milburn in his letter to Secretary Frye says ill-health compels him to retire from the position. Rev. Milburn was first elected congressional chaplain in 1845, again in 1853, and chaplain of the house of representatives in 1855. In 1892 he became chaplain of the United States senate.

A Well-Known Horseman Passes Away.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 3.—David Al-lerston, one of the best known horsemen in the country a few years ago, died yesterday, aged 78 years. He has been a heavy buyer and shipper of blooded stock in this city for 30 years. Dropsy of the heart caused his death.

Marshal for Kansas.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The president has sent the following nomination to the senate: For United States marshal, William H. Mackey, Jr., district of Kansas.

A Gale at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—One of the heaviest storms of the year struck this city late yesterday. The wind early in the evening was blowing at the rate of 52 miles an hour and the rain was falling in sheets. Since daylight yesterday morning not a boat of any description has arrived.

World's Fair Appointment.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—At yesterday's meeting of the executive committee of the world's fair George W. Ristine, of St. Louis, was appointed chief of the department of transportation.

Increased Their Wages.

Tamques, Pa., Dec. 3.—Employees of the Shamokin division of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway company have been notified of an increase in wages of from 18 to 25 cents a day. Semaphores men are also to be increased \$5 per month.

Capt. Holton Kills Himself.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—Capt. Edward K. Holton, aged 61, retired capitalist and veteran officer of the Local Legion, committed suicide by shooting at his home in Westminster place last night. He was a victim of melancholia.

The Best Missouri News

The Vote for Congressmen.

The vote on congressmen in Missouri, as announced by the state canvassing board, was as follows: First district—James T. Lloyd, democrat, 16,973; Lee T. Robinson, republican, 13,179; Lloyd's majority, 3,793.

Second district—William W. Rucker, democrat, 18,045; John L. Schultz, republican, 13,293; Rucker's majority, 4,752.

Third district—John Dougherty, democrat, 17,290; Robert E. Ward, republican, 14,618; Dougherty's majority, 2,672.

Fourth district—Charles F. Cochran, democrat, 18,392; O. M. Gilmer, republican, 14,510; Cochran's majority, 3,882.

Fifth district—W. S. Cowherd, democrat, 20,628; R. T. Van Horn, republican, 14,393; majority for Cowherd, 6,235.

Sixth district—David DeArmond, democrat, 15,639; Levin W. Shafer, republican, 13,124; majority for DeArmond, 2,515.

Seventh district—C. W. Hamlin, democrat, 19,277; G. P. Peale, republican, 17,250; majority for Hamlin, 2,027.

Eighth district—Dorsey W. Shackelford, democrat, 14,455; I. N. Enloe, republican, 13,133; majority for Shackelford, 1,322.

Ninth district—Champ Clark, democrat, 19,591; Alonzo Tubbs, republican, 14,770; majority for Clark, 3,821.

Tenth district—R. T. Blom, democrat, 15,262; Richard Bartholdi, republican, 12,510; majority for Bartholdi, 2,752.

Eleventh district—John T. Hunt, democrat, 14,913; Charles F. Joy, republican, 10,077; majority for Hunt, 4,836.

Twelfth district—James J. Butler, democrat, 15,316; George D. Reynolds, republican, 8,698; majority for Butler, 6,618.

Thirteenth district—Edward Robb, democrat, 15,442; John H. Roney, republican, 13,893; majority for Robb, 1,549.

Fourteenth district—W. D. Vandiver, democrat, 19,568; H. P. Kinsolving, republican, 16,788; majority for Vandiver, 3,080.

Fifteenth district—M. E. Benton, democrat, 20,038; Theodore Lacoff, republican, 18,511; majority for Benton, 1,527.

Sixteenth district—Robert Lamar, democrat, 14,102; Ben F. Russell, republican, 12,998; majority for Lamar, 1,104.

Expenses of Candidates.

The sworn statements of expenses incurred by candidates for office during the last campaign, now on file with Secretary of State Cook, present some curious facts. Based on this source of information, it does not seem to be as costly to run for office in this state as many assume. Of the candidates for state offices, the greatest expense was incurred by Judge Leroy B. Valliant, democratic candidate for judge of the supreme court. His expenditures foot up more than \$1,600. A republican candidate for congress, with tears in his statement, that he was forced to put up \$2, which represented his total cash outlay. The average expenses of the successful candidates for congress are but a little in excess of \$500. Congressman Shackelford, of the Eighth district, who had a hard race to make, expended but \$210, all but \$20 of which went for campaign assessments, while Congressman Lloyd, of the First district, who had a walkover, spent \$632.50, all of which went to the chairman of the county committee in his district. It is evident that the lawyer candidates in the last campaign do not place the same kind of an interpretation on the corrupt practices act. Judge Valliant, for example, enumerates in his expense account hotel bills, postage and a great number of little incidentals which the others do not include. James J. Butler, of the Twelfth congressional district, says he spent \$550. Quite different is the statement of Lee T. Robinson, of Clark county, who was the republican nominee for congress in the First district. While his total expenses were but \$2, yet Mr. Robinson takes considerable space in telling how he happened to part company with this much money.

New Buildings Needed.

An effort will be made by the board of curators of the Missouri state university this winter to induce the state legislature to appropriate for the institution enough money to cover the cost of erecting several new buildings. The university needs a gymnasium, a library and a new physics building and the board wishes to build them all next year.

New Masonic Hall.

The masonic lodge at Desoto is completing a handsome \$10,000 hall, of brick, with stone trimmings.

Amendments Proclaimed Law.

Gov. Dockery issued a proclamation declaring that the amendments voted on at the last election were properly adopted and were henceforth part of the state constitution, according to the law.

Had Been Dead Ten Days.

Mrs. Henry Snyder disappeared from her home at Lamar ten days ago and had not been heard from. Searching parties went out Saturday. The body was found in a cornfield east of town.

Gas Strike Near Jasper.

A strong flow of natural gas was struck near Jasper at a depth of 173 feet, 40 feet of jack ore intervening. After striking the gas the drill went down 30 feet before meeting resistance.

His Body in the Pasture.

The body of Riley Crum was found in a pasture near Bronough with wounds in the head. He had gone to a pond in his pasture ostensibly after ducks. The coroner's jury decided that Crum had killed himself.

Killed Ten Missouri Deer.

A hunting party embracing Audrain, Callaway and St. Louis counties, spent three weeks in Butler county, killing ten deer and plenty of small game.

Ex-Collector Wayne Arrested.

D. D. Wayne, ex-collector of Boone county, was arrested at Columbia upon information of one of his bondsmen, charging him with embezzling \$512 of the state and county revenue funds.

Missouri's Revenue Collections.

The annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue states that total collections for the First Missouri district (St. Louis) were \$9,841,881.19; for the Sixth (Kansas City) district, \$6,407,738.18.

Strychnine in Candy.

A case of attempted murder by poisoning came to light at Joplin. T. D. Deggering, a saloonkeeper, received a box of candy in his mailbox and under investigation by a local chemist it was found that the candy contained strychnine.

The Route Finally Located.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad has relocated its Kansas City-St. Louis line between Windsor and Kansas City. The new survey, which has been officially approved, leaves Warrensburg 13 miles to the north, cuts out three big tunnels which were on the old line, including the 1,300-foot tunnel at Chapel Hill, one of 700 feet at Devil's Hog Back, and another of 2,000 feet at Blue Cut, near Independence. The new line takes in Chilhowee, Holden, Straub, Pleasant Hill, Lee's Summit, laytown, and leaving Independence three miles to the south, enters Kansas City on a line which parallels the Alton tracks from the Big Blue river. The survey has been adopted, and within a week 2,000 teams and many men will be engaged in the construction of the grade. Track-laying will follow the grading as closely as possible, and the line will be in active operation before the world's fair opens for business. When this line is completed the Rock Island will have the shortest line between Kansas City and St. Louis.

Hotel for Christian People.

Final plans have been made for the building of the Hotel Epworth on the world's fair grounds in St. Louis. The building will contain 500 rooms, and a site has been purchased in the heart of Rosedale heights, at the southwest corner of Melville and Washington avenues, three blocks north of the administration building. The ground is very high, and from the hotel a fine bird's-eye view of fair buildings and surroundings may be had. The object of the hotel company in the erection of a hotel for the accommodation of Christian people and their friends during the fair. At the close of the exposition the building will be decided to a board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church for the establishment of an Epworth hospital and deaconess evangelistic institute. The building will be modern in every respect. It will have heavy brick walls, strong floors, and all partitions, walls and ceilings will be finished in a hard cement plaster.



Fibroid Tumors Cured.

A distressing case of Fibroid Tumor, which baffled the skill of Boston doctors. Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, Mass., in the following letter tells how she was cured, after everything else failed, by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Hayes' First Letter Appealing to Mrs. Pinkham for Help:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been under Boston doctors' treatment for a long time without any relief. They tell me I have a fibroid tumor. I cannot sit down without great pain, and the soreness extends up my spine. I have bearing-down pains both back and front. My abdomen is swollen, and I have had flowing spells for three years. My appetite is not good. I cannot walk or be on my feet for any length of time. 'The symptoms of Fibroid Tumor given in your little book accurately describe my case, so I write to you for advice.'—(Signed) Mrs. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St., (Roxbury) Boston, Mass.

Note the result of Mrs. Pinkham's advice—although she advised Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, to take her medicine—which she knew would help her—her letter contained a mass of additional instructions as to treatment, all of which helped to bring about the happy result.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Sometime ago I wrote to you describing my symptoms and asked your advice. You replied, and I followed all your directions carefully, and to-day I am a well woman.

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